

HULL GETS SALARY RAISED TO \$11,000

Effort To Block 436 Homes Tract Fails

Plan Body Okays Big Project

Following a heated meeting, the City Planning Commission Tuesday night approved a map for a tract of 436 new homes north of Torrance boulevard and west of Crenshaw boulevard, Tuesday night. The tract has FHA approval.

The map for the new tract was presented by the Wagner Construction Co., of Beverly Hills, supported by Percy & Vaughn, local Realtors who will handle the sales of the homes exclusively.

Two dissenting votes were cast by H. B. Bolas and R. S. Whitcomb. Bolas objected to the lack of service streets in the tract, and Whitcomb objected to circular streets.

Bolas made a motion to reject the plans and also asked an adjournment.

Howard Percy turned the tide by presenting to the commission with a tract map that they previously had approved, also on Torrance boulevard which is identical with the layout of the Wagner tract.

A compromise was made to include service streets, and the tract map was approved.

Wagner said construction of the new homes will start within 60 days.

Shoppers Shortcuts

By HAZEL KELLER

For Chinese Food to Take Out

Remember "How" it's Ding How Chinese Restaurant, 1652 Cabrillo, at Carson street, in Torrance, a most popular rendezvous of these connoisseurs of good food. Meals are served family style in both Chinese or complete American dinners and delicious noon-day lunches are being featured daily and evenings till 10 o'clock. Phone pick-up orders, Torrance 81.

Gifts Galore for Mothers' day

and all occasions are being featured at National Home Appliance Store, 1297 Sartori avenue in Torrance. One of the most popular lines being shown is the "Forman Family" chrome on brass giftware. Every one adores it. Large, spacious trays with partitioned glass utility dish, tin-bif trays, and all that goes with it. Casseroles in two sizes with decorated white or colored Pyrex dishes, and many single plates to seven-piece sets. Electric toasters, percolators, sugar and creamers sets, and two or three-plate bread and cake trays make lasting gifts that any mother will treasure. If you wish to phone in a pick-up order, call Torrance 78 and special care will be given in wrapping it.

Fascinating Earrings, inspired

by crystal accents of the pre-Victorian era, that twinkles with every movement lends enchantment to your ears.

A Graceful Sandal of pastel

elegance translates the song of summer, complimentary to those sheer creations.

Another Fashion First from La

Mode Furniture... Miniature Baroque or Georgian Cameo Styled picture frames in a plain oval or ornamental effect, gift.

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THE BUMBLES Are Coming to Torrance!

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK



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PETITION PARKWAY CLEAN-UP

Residents along Torrance Blvd., from Madrid Ave. to Crenshaw, began an all out effort this week to interest City officials in the disgraceful appearance of the island down the center of Torrance Blvd.

Petitions which are being circulated among the property owners urge that the City Council "take such steps as are necessary to remove and destroy all weeds and foreign growth from the parkway, trim the trees and to restore said parkway to its normal condition of beauty and attractiveness."

"The parkway in its present (Continued on Page Five)

Unsightly View Down Torrance Blvd.



DISGRACEFUL—Say residents along Torrance Blvd., between Madrid Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd. The disgraceful sight is the unkempt island strip down the middle of Torrance Blvd., which is three blocks long. Petitions are being circulated among residents and property owners in an effort to interest the City Council in cleaning up the weed patch. "This is the only unkempt parkway in Torrance," said one resident, and we feel that as one of the main entrances to Torrance, it is very important that it be kept in good shape. —Photo by Photo Arts Studio.

Smith Defends City in Dairy Court Action

City Attorney C. Douglass Smith was appointed last week to defend the city in a suit filed by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nuocio on April 21.

The suit, "Seeks to prevent the city from interfering with the operation of their dairy at 300 W. 182nd St.

The action, filed by Attorney Donald Armstrong, alleges that on March 14, the city council adopted a resolution permitting use of the property as a dairy, and then unlawfully rescinded the action without notice on March 17. It also asserts that use of the site as a dairy has never been abandoned.

Attends Confab

El Camino College was represented by a dozen students at the University of Redlands Journalism Day held at Redlands last week. Among them was Murray Ferris, of Torrance.

380 Homes Being Built On Western

Grading was started this week on an 80-acre tract, on Western Avenue, just south of the Torrance city boundary, where 380 two and three-bedroom homes will be built. The houses will be inside the city limits of Los Angeles, although on the west side of Western avenue, north of Lomita boulevard.

Howard B. Lawson, project manager for Lakewood Properties, Inc., builders, said the first homes will be ready for occupancy late in July.

It is the first big tract development in the Torrance area. (Continued on Page Five)

Schools' Budget Balance \$226,751

Torrance Unified School District had an unencumbered balance of \$226,751.52 as of March 31, 1950, in its 1949-50 budget, according to figures released by the Board last week. This includes \$25,000 undistributed reserve funds and \$78,698.00 general reserve funds.

The budget allowance grand total was \$1,162,706 for the year, and the total expenditures and encumbrances for the year as of March 31 were \$935,954.48. Administration expenditures and encumbrances amounted to \$46,502.76, or 78.82 per cent of the total budget of \$58,995.00. Of this amount, \$19,075 was budgeted for certificated salaries (superintendent and assistant superintendent), and \$24,300 for non-certificated salaries. There is an unencumbered balance of \$4,108.06 in non-certificated salaries.

Instruction expenditures and encumbrances as of March 31 were \$845,610.12, or 96.08 per cent of the total instruction budget of \$871,975.00. The unencumbered balance is \$26,364.88. High school salaries budgeted amount to \$167,047, and elementary salaries \$405,453.00. The adult education director salary is \$5,000, and adult education teachers were budgeted \$15,000. Non-certificated salaries in the "instruction" budget amount to \$26,775.00. There was an unencumbered balance of \$10,207.60, as of March 31, \$6530.22 in adult education teachers, and \$3513.85 in non-certificated salaries.

Under the operation of plant budget, expenditures and encumbrances total \$88,652.03 or 88.67 per cent of the budget allowance of \$99,878. Salaries of \$69,960 make up the biggest part of this budget, and the unencumbered balance there was \$625.77. The total unencumbered operation of plant balance was \$11,325.97.

Maintenance of plant expenditures and encumbrances amount— (Continued on Page Five)

USA-CIO LEADER RESIGNS

United Steelworkers of America, Local 1414, officially announced the resignation of their president, Alex McJannett. Announcement was made after receipt of a letter by McJannett stating his reasons for resigning.

Letter stated that "Owing to lack of support, and the element you discarded two years ago are now being supported by some of your officers, I have no alternative but to resign as president."

Letter further indicated that if the organization "wished to keep (Continued on Page Five)

Legion Semi Pro Tourney Plans Begin

American Legion will hold their semi-pro baseball tournament in the Torrance Ball Park from August 4 to September 4.

Sanctioned by the Southern California Baseball Association, the teams will be selected by a committee out of applications which will be sent out to all baseball teams throughout Southern California.

Sixteen team will be selected for the double elimination tournament, and winners will be any team who wins three games. Prize money will be divided among them. Winner of the tournament will have to win five games according to Lou Deinger of the American Legion.

Offers Easement Regulatory Signs To Be Posted

Dr. Don Moshos, in a letter to the city last week, offered the city a 10-foot easement on the Carson Street side of his property at Western and Carson in return for the removal of some trees along Carson and Western. Action is expected next week.

Miss Hardy Quits; Move Draws Fire

Resignations of 19 school teachers and administrators of the Torrance Unified School District were "accepted" by the Board of Education Tuesday night after Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull admitted that some of them were told that if they did not resign they would not be recommended for reemployment next year.

Among the resignations were those of Miss Harriet H. Hardy, vice principal and dean of girls at Torrance High School, which touched off a tempest among parents and students. The job is being abolished, it was said, and the duties of girls advisor will be handled in the future by a male teacher or vice principal and four regular women teachers.

Another resignation was that of William H. Clinkenbeard, of Torrance Elementary School. Board Member Carl Steele asked Hull, in the presence of a boozing audience of 50 patrons of the school district, if these were true resignations or if the teachers were forced to resign. Hull said, "of course they were written resignations." When questioned by Steele as to whether they had been requested to hand in their resignations, Hull replied, "certainly not, although a few were not going to be rehired and were given the opportunity to resign."

Since 15 of the 19 resigning were women, the rumor that Torrance will have all men teachers in the not too distant future gained some weight.

New Council Committees Are Named

Appointments of standing committees was made last week by Mayor Bob Haggard.

Committees are as follows: Finance, Haggard, Councilmen Harvey Spelman and George Powell; parks and recreation, Councilmen Powell, Willis Blount and Spelman; inspection, auditorium, transportation and public library, Councilmen Blount, Powell and Spelman; police and fire, Spelman Blount and Haggard; street, sewer and garbage, Drale Powell and Blount. Alternates on the finance committee were named as Blount and Drale.

Additional appointments will be made at the next regular meeting.

Tract Maps Approved By Council

Final tract maps for the following tracts were approved by the council last week, three of which were subject to sewers.

Tracts are No. 12777, submitted by Truman Browne, located on 182nd St., east of Hawthorne Blvd., and consisting of 12 lots; No. 13994, submitted by Sande Sennese, located at the easterly end of that portion between Pacific Coast Highway and Newton St., and consisting of 80 lots; No. 15926, submitted by American Land Co., consisting of 52 lots and located on the northeast corner of 190th and Arlington Aves.; No. 16504 submitted by James N. Starbird and Associates, consisting of 83 lots and located south of Redondo Beach Blvd. and west of the easterly city boundary of Torrance; and No. 16532, submitted by Bert Murphy, consisting of 25 lots and located on the northwest corner of 182nd St., and Yukon.

Polling Places To Be Insured Against Damage

All polling places will hereafter be insured against any damages incurred during elections, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

The board of supervisors Tuesday awarded liability insurance for all polling places in the county to Harp Associates who submitted the low bid of \$132 for a policy with the Pacific Automobile Insurance company.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby presented the motion which eliminated 15 other bids. The high bid was presented by Louis J. (Continued on Page Five)

PRESS SPOTLIGHT

By ALEX WHITE



C. B. WALLS
For a life filled with action, drama and human interest, we submit the life story of C. B. Walls, district sales director of the beautiful Green Hills Memorial Park. A native of Jameson, Mo., Walls moved to Oxford, Neb., with his family while still a small boy and remained there to complete his education. After school, he joined his father who represented the Item Biscuit Company in that area and was still there when World War I (Continued on Page Five)

Photos by Photo Arts Studio



FRANK G. DOMINGUEZ
One of our better known Torrance business men and one who has just launched a business that seems destined for success is Frank G. Dominguez. A native of Clifton, Arizona, Dominguez moved to the Southland with his family while still a boy and received his education in the public schools at Wilmington. His school work has since been enlarged by special courses and night school. He started to work at the age of 14 and, being the (Continued on Page Five)

Population Gain Told In Estimate

Population gain for the Torrance and harbor area has been estimated at 127,565, according to the county regional planning commission estimates.

Torrance was credited with a current total of 21,647 as against 9950 people 10 years ago. San Pedro and Wilmington added 43,682 new residents in the 10 years since the 1940 census. The current population has been set as 105,818.

The present total of the Palos Verdes Estates was placed at 2185 and the 1940 tally at 987.

County-wide the population is 4,307,934, as against 2,784,643 a decade ago.

The commission believes that its current estimates will be "comparable" with the totals of the federal census now under way.



HISTORY IN TORRANCE—Pictured above in a Western setting is California Centennial Commission float which depicts scenes of '49 Gold rush and Statehood in 1850. Covered wagons, famed Side Wheeler "The Oregon" and signing of first State Constitution at Colton Hall are reproduced in realistic miniature on 35 foot float. Destined for Torrance, the float has been scheduled to be one of the featured attractions at the huge Fourth Annual Band Benefit Parade, sponsored by Torrance Area Youth Bands, Saturday afternoon May 20 in downtown Torrance. Other attractions for the parade include ten bands, nine baton corps, numerous floats, and several famous equestrians and equestrienne groups. Armed forces will also celebrate Unification Day in conjunction with the parade.

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